

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A novelty fashion wear item, comprising:
a flexible pad having a planar body engaging surface and an attachment engaging surface;

wherein said attachment engaging surface is covered throughout with a layer of either hooks or piles; and

wherein said planar body engaging surface is coated throughout with reusable adhesive means for removably securing said pad to a body part; has fixed thereto a pair of flexible backings having different types of adhesives disposed thereon;

wherein one type of adhesive is a re-useable adhesive for removably securing said pad to a body part; and

wherein another type of adhesive is a waterproof adhesive for cooperating with said pair of backings to form a waterproof barrier between the skin of a user and said layer of hooks or piles; and

~~wherein said attachment engaging surface is covered throughout with a layer of either hooks or piles for providing said pad with a decorated textured surface.~~

2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 1 wherein said pad is a single piece construction composed of a material selected from a cushioning material, a magnetic material, and a cushioning gel material.

6-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein said pad is sufficiently flexible to conform to the contour of a user selected body part consisting of a group of body parts selected from the hands, fingers, feet, toes, knees and elbows of a user to provide protection for the body part selected.

14. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 13, wherein said pad is selected from a group of materials consisting of rubber, fabric, paper, plastic, synthetic materials, leather, and polyurethane foam.

15. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 14, wherein said pad is trimmable and disposable after use.

16. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 15, wherein said attachment engaging surface includes decorative indicia selected from an indicia group consisting of color, patterns, messages, trademarks, and advertisements.

17. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein said pad is composed of a body protecting material.

18. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 17, wherein said body protecting material is selected from a cushioning material, a magnetic material, and a gel material.

19-20. (Withdrawn)

21. (Currently Amended) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein said reusable adhesive ~~means~~ is a non-skin irritating adhesive.

22. (Currently Amended) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein ~~said reusable adhesive means is a layered adhesive means and includes:~~
one of said pair of backings is a two sided acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive transfer tape attached to said body engaging surface; and

wherein the other one of said pair of backings is a polyurethane backing with one of its surfaces coated with an a waterproof acrylate adhesive for fixing it to said two sided acrylic pressure sensitive transfer tape to facilitate forming said waterproof barrier.

23. (Currently Amended) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein ~~said reusable adhesive means is a layered sweat~~ pair of flexible backings are fixed together by a waterproof acrylate adhesive to facilitate formation of said waterproof barrier.

24. (Currently Amended) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein said waterproof barrier is a ~~layered sweat barrier~~; and

wherein said pair of flexible backings having different types of adhesives disposed thereon includes:

a strip of polyurethane tape having a pad facing surface and a body part facing surface, said body part facing surface being coated with ~~a layer of the~~ waterproof adhesive and said pad facing surface being coated with another layer of waterproof adhesive for securing said strip of polyurethane tape to said body engaging surface; and

another strip of polyurethane tape having another pad facing surface and another body part facing surface;

wherein said another body part facing surface is coated with said

~~re-usable a skin compatible reusable~~ adhesive layer for facilitating removably securing said pad to said user selected body part; and

wherein said strip of polyurethane tape and said another strip of polyurethane tape are secured to one another by said layer of the waterproof adhesive disposed on said body part facing surface of said strip of polyurethane tape.

25 (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, further comprising:

a hard shell pre-formed cupped pad having a predefined shape for protecting a body part selected from a group consisting of at least one of toes, knees, elbows, and animal pads; and

wherein said hard shell pre-formed cupped pad has another layer of either hooks or piles for engaging at least a portion of said layer of either hooks or piles secured to said bottom surface.

27. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 1, wherein said layer of hooks or piles provides decoration selected from at least one decoration group comprising: color, pattern, graphic design, text, advertising, and relief design.

28. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 26, wherein said hard shell pre-formed pad provides further decoration for said user selected body part.

29. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 28, wherein the further decoration is selected from at least another decoration group comprising: color, pattern, graphic design, text, advertising, and relief design.

30-31. (Withdrawn)

32. (Currently Amended) A novelty fashion wear item, comprising:

a flexible pad having a top surface covered by a ~~layer of~~ layered waterproof adhesive construction and a bottom surface at least partially covered with a layer of thistle cloth for providing said pad with a decorated textured finish; and

wherein said layered waterproof adhesive construction includes:

a first layer of a two sided acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive transfer tape attached to said top surface; and

a second layer of a polyurethane backing with one of its surfaces coated with an acrylate adhesive for fixing it to said first layer.

33. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 32, wherein said thistle cloth is a complimentary thistle cloth for engaging another layer of thistle cloth.

34. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 33, wherein said another layer of thistle cloth facilitates provides said pad with another decorated textured finish.

35. (Previously Presented) The novelty fashion wear item according to claim 33, wherein said another layer of thistle cloth is affixed to a protective shell for protecting a body part from direct ground contact.